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The Lord's Five Discourses in MATTHEW

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MATTHEW

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PRIORITIES
in Christ's Sermon on the Mount

The priority of Superlative Righteousness 5:20

The priority of the Internal over the External. 5:3-12, 21-26; 6:5-6

The priority of the Unseen over the Seen. 6:1-4, 5-6

The priority of the Spiritual over the Material. 6:24

The priority of the Substantial over the Superficial. 6:5-7

The priority of the Authentic over the Hypocritical. 6:5-6, 16-18

The priority of the Heavenly over the Earthly. 6:9-13, 19-21

The priority of the Eternal over the Temporal. 6:25-34

The priority of Introspection over Circumspection. 7:1ff

The priority of Heavenly Approval over Earthly Approval. 6:1-4, 5-6

The priority of Faith over Worry. 6:25-34

MATURITY
IS
SACRIFICING
SHORT-RANGE DESIRES
ON
THE ALTAR
OF
LONG-RANGE GOALS.

The Model Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

--Context 6:5-8

--How NOT to pray

- not like the hypocrites or the heathen
- not to be seen (or heard) by men
- not with vain repetitions (cf. The Rosary)

--How TO pray

- in secret
- to the Father
- asking in faith
- "in this manner" (v.9)

--The Prayer Proper

--Christ's Primary Concerns

- the Name of God
- the Kingdom of God
- the Will of God

--Other important concerns

- material provisions
- living as forgiven sinners
- deliverance from evil (the Evil One)

(See also 7:7-12)

Laying Up Treasures

Matthew 6:19-21

Two Masters

Matthew 6:24

Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

Some other Scriptures to ponder:

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 23:4-5

I Timothy 6:6-11

I Timothy 6:17-19

No man is a fool,
who gives
what he cannot keep
to gain
what he cannot lose.

Jim Elliot

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . .”

The Sermon on the Mount—Conclusion

Matthew 7:13-27

7:13-14

Two Gates	Wide	Narrow
Two Ways	Broad	Strait (confined)
Two Destinies	Destruction	Life
Two Groups of men	Many	Few

7:15-20 False prophets

Two Trees	Good	Bad
Two Types of Fruit	Good	Bad

7:21-23 Self-deception of the false prophets

Note the word “Many”! These people have been active in “Christian” service: prayer, preaching, miracles, *but the Lord Jesus Christ never knew them—they are fakes, hypocrites, false prophets—and He sends them away in judgment!*

7:24-27

Two Builders	Wise man	Foolish man
Two Lifestyles	Hears/Obeys	Hears/Disobeys
Two Foundations	Rock	Sand
Two Destinies	Did not fall	Fell, and great was its fall

Note the emphasis on Judgment:

7:13 7:19 7:23 7:27